



**Minutes for Meeting of  
Thursday, August 26, 2004**

**Item-1: Call to Order**

Chairwoman Dorothy Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Item-2: Roll Call**

Present – Chairwoman Dorothy Smith, Vice Chairwoman Dorothy Leonard, Commissioners Charles H. Dick, Jr., Karen Thomas-Stefano, and Larry S. Westfall.

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, Deputy City Attorney Rick Duvernay, Legal Assistant Steve Ross, Senior Investigator Lauri Davis, and Executive Secretary Janet MacFarlane.

Excused - Commissioners April Riel and Greg Vega.

**Item-3: Reporting Results of Closed Session**

Chairwoman Smith reported the results of the Closed Session meeting of August 12, 2004.

**Item I: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 Potential Matter)**

**Case Nos. 2004-43 in re: Alleged Failure to Properly File Campaign Disclosure Statement**

Motion: Initiate Investigation  
Moved/Seconded: Westfall/Vega  
Vote: Unanimous  
Excused: Smith/Riel

**Item 2: Conference with Legal Counsel (3 Potential Matters)**

**Case No. 2004-18 – In re: Charles Ambers, Jr. - Failure to File Financial Disclosure Report**

Motion: Approve Stipulated Agreement  
Moved/Seconded: Stefano/Vega  
Vote: Unanimous  
Excused: Smith/Riel

**Case No. 2004-23 – In re: Alleged Failure to File Financial Disclosure Report**

Motion: Ordered a Probable Cause Hearing and authorized the issuance of a Probable Cause Report and Draft Administrative Complaint. Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.  
Moved/Seconded: Stefano/Westfall  
Vote: Unanimous  
Excused: Smith/Riel

**Case No. 2004-17 – In re: Alleged Misuse of City Position for Personal Benefit**

Discussion. No action.

**Item-4: Approval of Commission Minutes**

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2004.

Motion: Approve as corrected  
Moved/Seconded: Dick/Stefano  
Vote: Unanimous  
Abstained: Smith  
Excused: Riel, Vega

**Item-5: Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None.

**Item-6: Commissioner Comment**

None.

**Item-7: Executive Director Comment**

Executive Director Fulhorst reported the following:

1. Update on status of amendments to the City's Election, Campaign and Control Ordinance.

2. Development of electronic mailing list to notify interested persons regarding updates to ordinances, distribution of fact sheets, etc.
3. ECCO Ad Hoc Committee will meet in September to review amendment proposed by Councilmember Frye.

**Item-8: Deputy City Attorney Comment**

None.

**Item-9: Adjournment to Closed Session**

Chairwoman Dorothy Smith adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at approximately 5:10 p.m. She stated if the Commission took any action that must be reported pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission would reconvene into Open Session to report on that action.

**Reconvene to Open Session**

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Chairwoman Smith reported the following:

The Commission ordered a Probable Cause Hearing and authorized the issuance of a Probable Cause Report and Draft Administrative Complaint in Case No. 2004-23 in regard to the alleged failure of Stephen Redfearn to file a Statement of Economic Interest. Hearing scheduled for November 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

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Dorothy Smith, Chairwoman  
Ethics Commission

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Janet MacFarlane, Executive Secretary  
Ethics Commission

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